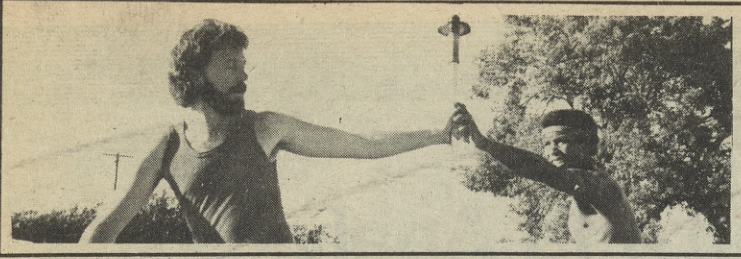

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Gay Vote '82 Registers 500-Plus In Week's Drive

More than 500 new voters from the gay and lesbian community were signed up during the week-long bar registration drive conducted by Gay Vote '82 from August 15 through August 21.

Greatly encouraged by this success, Gay Vote '82 organizers will be registering gay and lesbian voters daily at the California State Fair through September 6. A table staffed by volunteers from the community will be at the left side of the main entrance.

According to Mistress Kathy, coordinator of Gay Vote '82, about 700,000 people are expected to attend the state fair during its 14-day run. "About 10 to 20 percent will be gay," she said, "and we hope to register about 10 percent of them."

Volunteers from Gay Vote '82 will also attend a number of upcoming events in the community to get people registered to vote. On Saturday, August 28, they will be at the bingo show sponsored by the Great Northwest Imperial Empire at the Riverbend Country Club in Broderick.

The following Saturday, September 4, will be Our River City Family voter registration. And the Saturday after that, September 11, Gay Vote '82 will register voters at the Leather and Rhinestone Ball sponsored by Ken Peacock, King Father IX.

In an effort to reach as many people as possible, Gay Vote '82 will also set up tables in Sacramento-area shopping centers in the next several weeks. Among these locations will be Sunrise Mall, Arden Fair, and Florin Mall.

Gay Vote '82 is also picking up support from community organizations, including an endorsement from the Sacramento chapter of the National Organization for Women.

The board of directors of River City Business Association made a grant of $100 to Gay Vote '82 at its August 23 meeting. The RCBA board made the grant in support of voter registration activities in the gay and lesbian community and to encourage other organizations to make similar grants so that the voter registration drive can maintain momentum.★

'Coming Home' Theme Of MCC 11th Anniversary

River City Metropolitan Community Church will celebrate its 11th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, September 4 and 5. The theme of the celebration, "Coming Home," will be carried out in an all-day picnic on Saturday and in special services at the church on Sunday.

This celebration is particularly special for members of the church, located at 34th and Broadway, because it follows the recent rescue of River City MCC from extreme financial need by prominent members of Sacramento's gay professional and business community.

The past year was also a period of significant growth and achievement for River City MCC. The church has acquired new hymnals and a new piano, and a member of the congregation has donated "a magnificent new organ," according to spokesperson Gary Johnson.

As a way of giving thanks for financial and other support, River City MCC invites the community to the anniversary picnic on Saturday, September 4. The picnic is scheduled to go on all day, and will be held in Alumni Grove on the Cal State University, Sacramento, campus. Alumni Grove is south of the Guy West footbridge over the American River

Chi Rho, the church's on-campus organization at CSUS, is sponsoring the picnic. Plans for the day include a hot dog/hamburger barbeque, a water balloon toss, three-legged races, and group singalongs.

On Sunday, September 5, the Rev. Freda Smith, pastor of River City MCC, will cap the anniversary celebration with her renowned "Purple Grass" sermon during the 11 a.m. service at the church. The church invites everyone who has attended services in the past and anyone who has been searching for a church home to attend this special service.

For more information, interested people may call 454-4762.★

$2.2 Million To Fight AIDS

The National Cancer Institute will set aside $2.2 million for research on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), the Associated Press reported on August 19.

Dr. Edward N. Brandt, the assistant secretary for health in the Department of Health and Human Services, announced that the money would come from the institute's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1982.

Brandt said that the institute will "act expeditiously" to review and finance promising research on AIDS, which has most seriously affected gay men.

He ordered the Public Health Service to increase all its activities against AIDS. These include tracking cases of the disease, laboratory study, and clinical investigation.

Brandt also said that hemophilia patients should continue to follow the treatments prescribed by their doctors despite reports of three cases of pneumocystis carinii in hemophiliacs. Pneumocystis carinii is an AIDS-related form of pneumonia.

Brandt said that there is no certainty of a connection between AIDS and blood products used in treatment of hemophilia in the three patients.★

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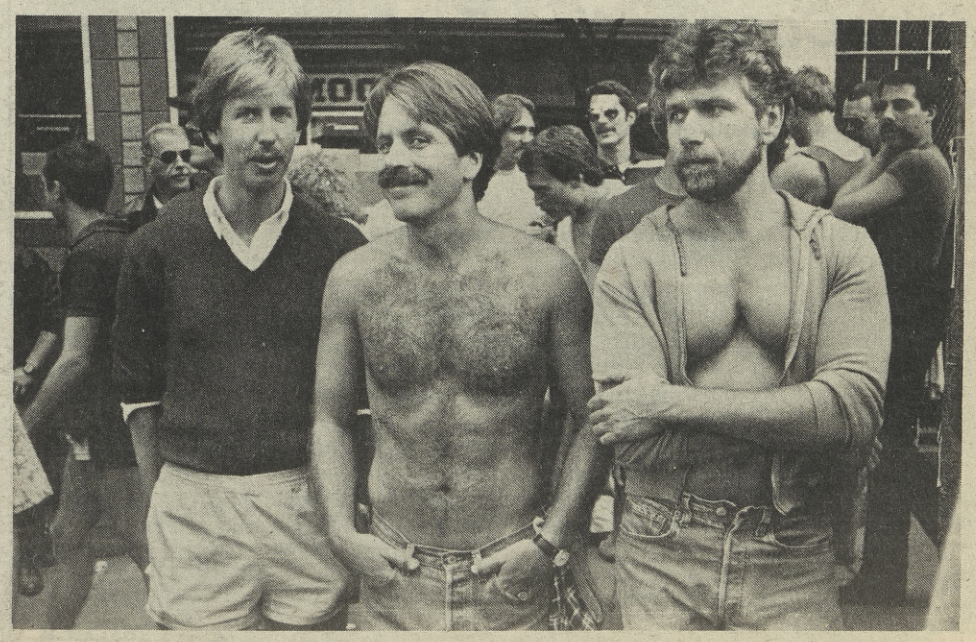
Castro Street Fair

More than 25 thousand people lined the streets of San Francisco's Castro district for the annual Castro Street Fair August 15. The fair featured entertainment and also booths that ran the gamut from food to crafts, from face-painting to politics.



OPINION

Guest Commentary

Feminism and S & M: Reaction and Analysis

By LORRAINE HEIDECKER, Ph.D.

Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner led a discussion on "Sadomasochism as a Feminist Issue" on August 12 at Lioness Books.

Dr. Wagner, formerly of California State University, Sacramento, is Professor of Women's Studies at Mankato State University in Minnesota. She is a contributor to the book "Against Sadomasochism: A Radical Feminist Analysis," edited by R.R. Linden and others, and published by Frog in the Well Press.

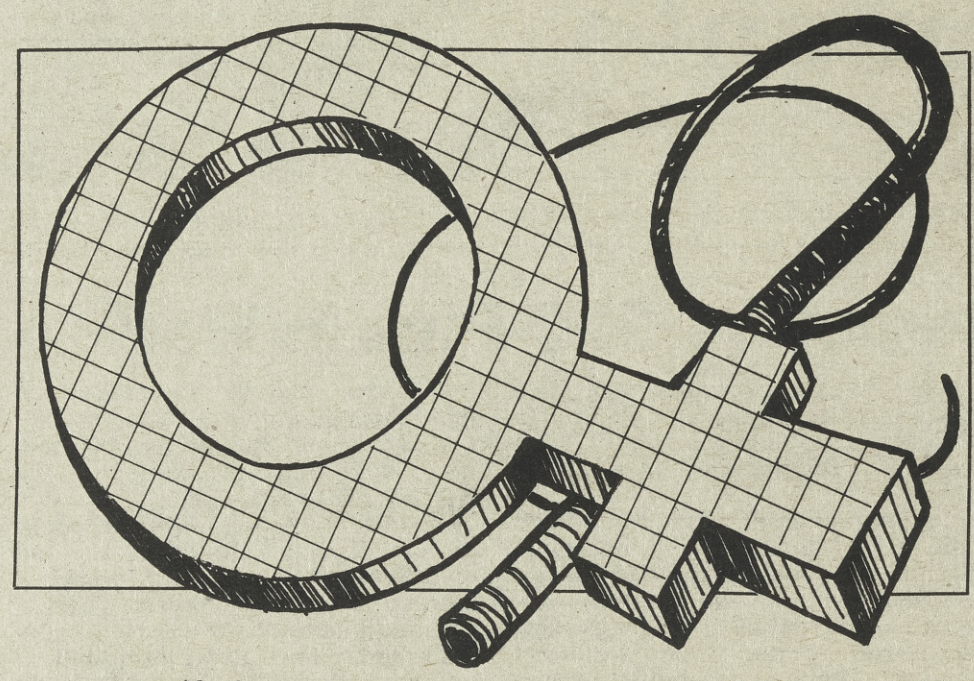
Wagner stated her position that sadomasochism in all its manifestations is the antithesis of feminism. S & M is the glorification of a heterosexual male behavioral norm that acts out in microcosm the patterns incorporated into the fabric of western society. Feminism seeks to alter these patterns and the two positions cannot be incorporated into a single theoretical and ideological unit without substantially weakening feminism.

Several members of the group, however, argued that feminism was not antithetical to S & M since each participant exercised both choice and control in an S & M encounter.

As a feminist I had difficulty understanding how some of these women could define themselves as feminists and at the same time indicate interest in and/or support for S & M—how could one really believe and accept the underlying theories of both? For me, the debate and its resolution lies in that question, for it seems one can equate participation in S & M encounters with fantasy role-playing games of any sort.

Dungeons and Dragons, the Society for Creative Anachronism, and participants in the Renaissance Pleasure Faire are all doing the same sort of thing. They are glorifying and romanticizing some past event, period, or situation, and building a fantasy world to play in for a time—a world they would fight tooth and nail to change should they be forced to occupy it permanently.

We can question the "political correctness" of some of these fantasies (for example, the Nazi/Jew, Master/Slave, etc.). But it must be remembered that this is only a fantasy and one can avoid those situations or actions that are distasteful or try out those that are intriguing. The important thing to remember is that it is *not real*—it is pretend and it is only fun if it remains so.



Those that spoke in support of S & M emphasized the mutual trust and equality of power of all participants both in negotiating the contract and orchestrating the encounter. It was also emphasized that any participant can at any time *end the game*. It is bad form to ignore the rules laid down at the beginning (though I imagine that, as in any role-playing game, there is some flexibility to allow for the inspiration of the moment).

If one ignores the rules, bends them too far, or breaks them too often, one runs the risk of not being able to find anyone to play with. The group was warned that one must take care in selecting a partner to avoid people who play too roughly.

I think that for most of its participants S & M can be confined to specific social spheres. Because it is make-believe it does not have to influence political reality—thus allowing someone to say, "I'm a feminist but I'm also into S & M," and not see any conflict.

Wagner made the point that we live in a society founded on sadomasochistic principles, and that we *all* have some S & M fantasies. We cannot avoid them, since they are part and parcel of the culture that has permeated every facet of our existence since babyhood.

If all this is true, why should feminists not be supportive of S & M? I think there are at least two reasons why not.

First, we must question whether "acting out" S & M fantasies serves any useful purpose. I think it does not, but only traps us in those fantasies and leads to acceptance of the unequal power structures they romanticize. Even if we accept S & M as a simple fantasy game, it is a game that supports the very society we are working to alter. Participation in S & M means active support and tacit approval of a system that glorifies the use of power to coerce—even if that participation is only pretend.

Second, we must note that approval and support for S & M creates a space in which those members of our society to whom S & M is more than a game can feed and develop. I am sure that those women who spoke for S & M would argue that this last is not typical of S & M in general, but the existence of S & M and participation in it provides a place for those with such tendencies to gain support and reinforcement for their feelings. By providing them with a place where such behavior is "OK," they do not learn to question the "rightness" of their impulses or to seek help in controlling them when they transcend governable limits.

Sadomasochism is part of the system against which feminism struggles. To see this, one must be able to objectify—to step outside one's own culture and look at the source of feelings and motivations and the pattern of beliefs and practices.

As feminists, there is no need for us to object to S & M in any stronger language or action than we object to the society—for S & M is an artifact of that society. We must recognize the source of our S & M fantasies and move beyond them.

When the goals of feminism are reached, S & M will be as foreign to our concept of social interaction as cupping and leeching are to current Western medicine. It will be impossible because its scenarios will be unthinkable.

Dr. Heidecker is Professor of Anthropology at California State University, Sacramento.★

If one ignores the rules, bends them too far, or breaks them too often, one runs the risk of not being able to find anyone to play with.

Asks Cooperation To Avert Towing

Editor:

One of my responsibilities at the agency where I work is to provide enough parking for our employees and visitors; I'm concerned about the parking problems in the area of 21st and J Streets.

Occasionally two bar patrons go to the bars in two cars and leave for the night in one. I certainly encourage this type of car pooling; however, automobiles belonging to patrons must be gone by 7 a.m. on the next business day or they may be towed.

I certainly don't like having to tow a car, especially one belonging to a gay brother or sister. (Another business establishment in the area does not like bar patrons parking in their lot at all. So bar patrons park in a private lot at their own risk.)

There is also a big problem with litter. Patrons leaving beer bottles and other trash in the lot does not help the situation. (If this continues, it will only be a matter of time before the owner of our building closes the lot at night.)

I have done all that I can with the manager/owner of our building to make our parking lot accessible to bar patrons at night. However, I am going to need cooperation from patrons if the lot is to continue to be open at night.

I encourage bar patrons to remove their cars from private lots no later than 7 a.m. on the next business day and not to leave beer bottles and other litter in the lot. I would appreciate the cooperation of bar patrons in this section of town.

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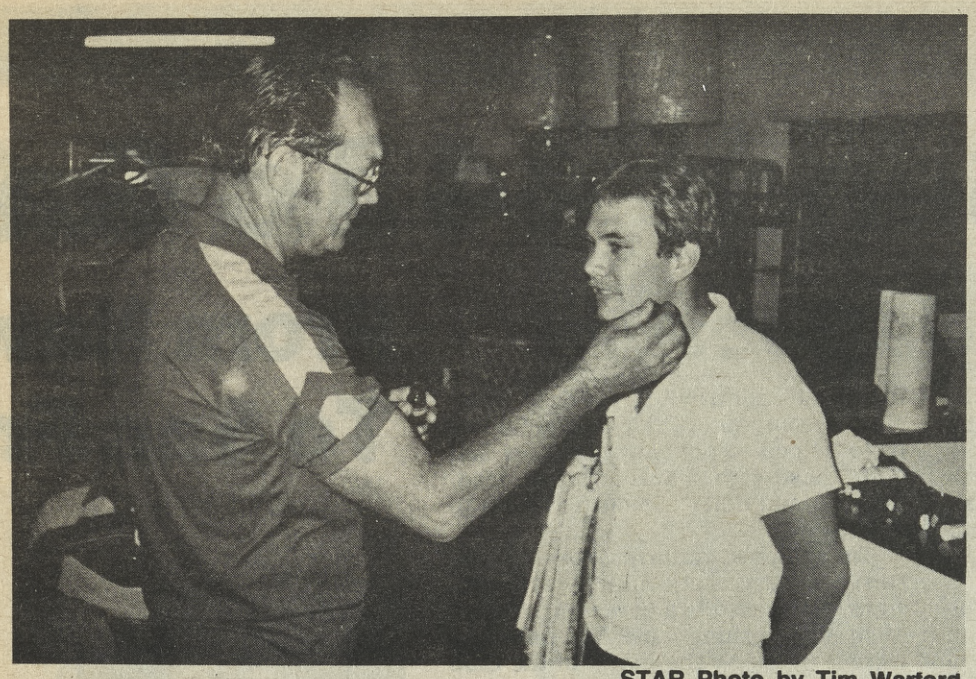

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Self-Defense Class Gets Encore

Instructor Jay Melton (left) places a drop of CN teargas on Tim Tiff during a self-defense workshop on August 16. The class, held at Archer's Furniture store, was sponsored by the River City Business Association and the Sacramento chapter of the National Organization for Women. Workshop proceeds went to the Sacramento Rape Crisis Center. RCBA and NOW plan to offer another workshop in October.

129th State Fair Open Until Labor Day

The 129th annual California State Fair opened August 24 at Cal Expo and will run through September 6. This year's fair is emphasizing a traditional, agricultural theme, but will still feature contemporary entertainment and exhibits.

The return to tradition is symbolized by the dumping of last year's Pattie the Pig emblem in favor of the familiar golden grizzly bear framed by California poppies.

The Agriculture Building features exhibits from all the state's major agricultural industries, including peaches, tomatoes, grapes, cotton, apples, raisins, rice, livestock, honey, and milk.

In the new California Building, try the Culinary Exposition and Wine Tasting, with different special guests presenting demonstrations and different wineries pouring their products every day. A certified Farmer's Market offers fresh home-grown fruits and vegetables for sale.

For the people to whom the State Fair means livestock, there is a fur and feather show of rabbits, poultry, and pigeons in Expo Center. The traditional livestock competitions showcase dairy cattle, sheep, beef cattle, dairy goats, and swine. New this year is the Cavalcade of Horses, featuring 25 breeds of horses, with daily shows.

A Victorian garden exhibit in Expo Center contains more than 100 trees and 18,000 flowers and plants. Also in Expo Center is a American Crafts of Pacific Heritage show and sale. It features crafts from Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Marianas, Samoa, and California.

The California State Fair Horse Race Meet runs every day of the fair, with 13 races daily, starting at 1 p.m., except August 28 and September 5. On those days, a 12-race card begins at noon.

Admission to the State Fair is $5 on weekdays and $7 on weekends and Labor Day. For senior citizens, the prices are $4 and $6, and children under four years old are admitted free.

Most of the entertainment offered at the State Fair is included in the price of admission. The exception is a grandstand concert by The Police on August 28. Another grandstand concert featuring Dolly Parton on September 5 has been cancelled, along with the rest of her current tour, for medical reasons.

Free events include a bodybuilding comptetion on August 29, Karla Bonoff on August 30, Stephanie Mills on September 3, and a lumberjack competition on September 4 and 5.★

Bee Pledges Cooperation With Gay Community In 'Positive' Meeting

A delegation from Sacramento's gay community met with editors and reporters from The Sacramento Bee on August 12 to discuss The Bee's handling of gay issues.

Jerry Sloan, who organized the meeting, expressed great satisfaction at the outcome. "I think it was very positive," he said. "It was certainly a step in the right direction."

C.K. McClatchy, president and editor of McClatchy Newspapers, concurred. "We are not trying to discriminate against gays," he said.

"We appreciate your coming and talking with us. You know people here now, so give us a call if something we do bothers you or if you know of news we should cover."

In addition to Sloan, in attendance from the gay community were Linda Birner and Frank Lawler of Mom...Guess What!, James Graham and Tim Warford of The Sacramento Star, Dr. Sandy Pomerantz, and the Rev. Merrill Follansbee, founder of Sacramento Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Follansbee contributed the special perspective of the non-gay parent of a gay son.

From McClatchy Newspapers, in addition to C.K. McClatchy, Executive Editor Frank McCulloch and Associate Editors Jim Brown, Bob Mott, and Rhea Wilson were present. Assistant Managing Editor Mike Parman, Ombudsman Art Nauman, and staff writer Claudia Buck represented The Sacramento Bee.★

GNIE Bingo Show Will Benefit OCU

The Great Northwest Imperial Empire will sponsor a bingo show on Saturday, August 28, to benefit the efforts of Our Community United to establish a gay community center.

The event, at the Riverbend Country Club in Broderick, will feature local and out-of-town entertainment, emcees Emperor IX Doug and Empress IX Billy, and guest bingo callers Linda Birner and Frank Lawler of Mom...Guess What!

The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. for no-host cocktails. Bingo and the show will begin at 8 p.m. Admission will be by $5 donation at the door. This also includes three bingo cards. Additional cards will cost 50¢ each.

The bingo playing will follow the regular format of 12 games, with one additional game held for the grand prize.

According to Emperor IX Doug, "50 percent of net proceeds will be given to Our Community United in the on-going efforts to see our community center become a reality. Please come, enjoy, and support Sacramento in achieving this common goal."

For further information, call 739-8616.★

Sabia Plays Latina Music August 27

Sabia, a group of three women who sing and play traditional Latin American instruments, will perform at La Semilla on Friday, August 27, at 9 p.m.

Sabia especially emphasizes finding and performing songs from a woman's perspective. Many of their songs are drawn from traditional and *nueva cancion* sources; others are original compositions.

Ticket prices are $4 general and $3 for members of La Semilla. Refreshments will be sold at the concert. La Semilla is located at 312 20th Street. Call 443-5001 for further information.★

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Sacramento Sends 44 To Gay G

The Man Who Made It Happen

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Most of Sacramento's 44 entrants in the first Gay Olympic Games were recruited in the two months immediately preceding the Games by one man who decided to step in and do a job that he says no one else was doing.

Norm, who declined to use his last name for publication, said that he had been aware of the Games for some time, but until early July wasn't even sure when they would be held.

"I just figured somebody would take the bull by the horns and do it," Norm said, referring to organizing Sacramento men and women to participate in the Games.

"But nobody was doing it, so I did it."

In early July, Norm, who has long been involved in the gay softball teams in Sacramento, started contacting friends and businesses and organizations to recruit competitors and sponsors. When he began, only the men's volleyball team, an outgrowth of the volleyball nights sponsored by Our River City Family, was entered in the Games.

By the middle of August, with the Games opening on August 28 in San Francisco, Norm had put together a Sacramento contingent of 44 women and men. In addition to the men's volleyball team, a women's volleyball team, men and women tennis players, men and women golfers, men and women bowlers, and one man competing in swimming, diving, wrestling, and track and field will represent River City's lesbian and gay community.

A wide variety of individuals and businesses contributed funds to sponsor the competitors. The contributions have helped to pay entrance fees and will assist with transportation, food, lodging, and other expenses related to the Games.

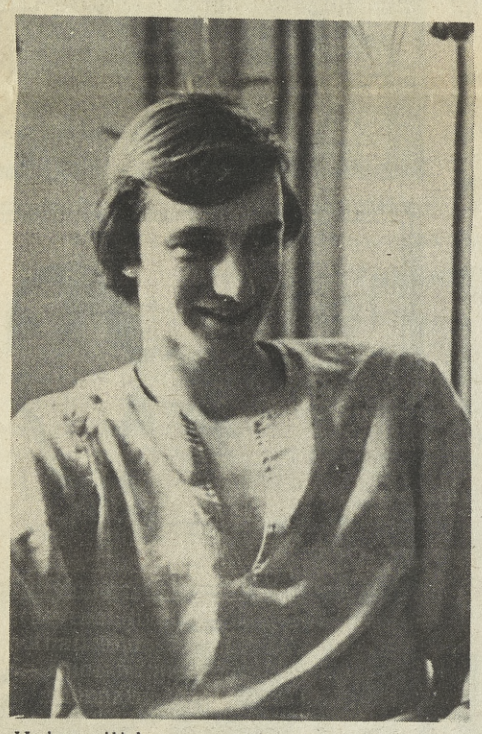
The athletes' uniforms, consisting of shirt, sweatjacket, and sweatpants, were distributed in a ceremony August 24 at the Parking Lot. The uniforms were donated by the owner of the Club Baths in Bryte, Dale Bentley.

Clad in their uniforms proclaiming them the representatives of California's capital city and preceded by a flag bearer carrying Sacramento's flag, the Sacramento contingent will march into Kezar Stadium on Saturday, August 28. Norm, as coordinator for the city, will march after the flag bearer with the team coaches, followed by the women entrants, then the men.★

Bowling To Change Our Image

By JAMES K. GRAHAM

Jim Hahn believes that he is the only Davis resident who will be competing in the first Gay Olympic Games in San Francisco at the end of August.



Hahn will be competing in the individual bowling event.

Most recently a secretary of the Sacramento summer gay bowling league, Jim first heard of the Gay Games in the fall of 1981 through his work with the Davis Gay Task Force. In January 1982, he met Dr. Tom Waddell, founder of the Games, at a gay student conference in San Francisco. Impressed, he decided to enter.

Initially, Jim says, he tried to get a team together from Sacramento. For various reasons, that came to naught. Jim explains that it was difficult to get publicity and that people hadn't yet become excited about the Games. Another factor was the difficulty most people have in getting an entire week free to spend at the competition.

So Jim decided to enter as an individual, representing Davis. Each city may enter a total of 20 bowlers—a five-man team, a five-woman team, and five individual bowlers of each sex. The individual bowlers may also be on the teams.

Jim has asked the Davis City Council to sponsor his participation.

"I'd like them to pay for my uniform,"he says. "I've already paid my entry fee, and I have a place to stay, but it would be nice to have a decent shirt with the town's name on it."

Jim has been bowling since he was eight years old. He has bowled in 14 leagues, "at least one every year since I was a freshman in high school." His current average is 165, which he admits does not make him a championship-class bowler.

"But I have a sense of going for it," he says. "If there were 100 bowlers in the competition, I might come in somewhere in the top 15."

For Jim Hahn, the Gay Olympics have a political as well as a personal point to them. He says, "I get a big kick out of gay people getting out, getting seen, especially doing something that's thought of as 'normal.' It's a way to fight stereotypes, to create new images."

But Jim has mixed feelings about this "normality," because he doesn't feel that gay people are "normal" in the sense of being ordinary.

"However," he says, "it's good for our public image. To get rights and privileges most people take for granted, you can't be invisible. Nobody gives anything to someone who's invisible."★

Gay Games Can't Be 'Olympic'

According to a federal court order of August 20, the Gay Games cannot be called "olympic."

U.S. District Judge Robert F. Peckham granted an injunction, sought by the U.S. Olympic Committee, that prevents the competition from being called the "Gay Olympic Games." Peckham's ruling upheld an earlier temporary injunction granted by U.S. District Judge Samuel Conti.

Attorney Mary Dunlap, who represented the organizers of the games, said, "I think there is something intrinsically wrong when gays are banned from using the generic word 'olympics.' We are in a long legal fight, and I intend to see that the right of the people to use that word is vindicated."

The USOC contended in its suit that it has exclusive use of the word 'olympic' under the terms of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.

It argued that contributors might be confused by the use of the word, because both the gay games and the International Olympic games are international in scope and start after a cross-country run by a torch bearer.

Dr. Tom Waddell, head of the gay games, stated that "the term 'Olympic' is a generic one, of deep historic origin, that belongs to all people and that is widely used by many and diverse groups of people, to identify and celebrate a variety of activities."

Waddell believes that this is the first time the USOC has ever prosecuted any other group for using the word "olympic."

He said, "They stated quite clearly in court that they see the term 'gay' in front of that word as in some way demeaning it. If that isn't prejudicial, I'd like to have someone describe to me what prejudice means."

Among the other events using the word "olympic" without interference from the USOC are the San Francisco Police Olympics, the annual Armenian Olympics in Hayward, the Rat Olympics in Sacramento, the Dog Olympics in Texas, the Xerox Olympics, and the Crab-Cooking Olympics.

"The bottom line is that if I'm a crab or a rat or a copy machine I can have my own Olympics, but if I'm gay, I can't," Waddell said.★

From New Yor To San Francis

The Gay Olympic Torch passed through Sacrame San Francisco to open the Gay Games. Sacrame Boyd were among the runners who carried the t torch was lit June 13 at the site of the Stonewall In gay liberation movement began. Kris Dodson of

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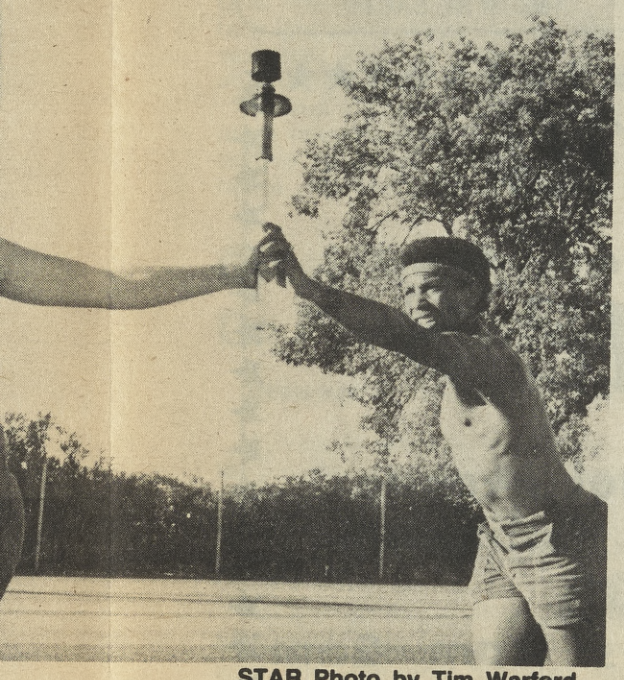

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d through Sacramento last weekend on its way to y Games. Sacramentans Michael Fleace and Billy who carried the torch on its 4,021-mile trip. The of the Stonewall Inn in New York where the modern n. Kris Dodson of Sacramento also ran the torch.

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Rugby For Women Only

By VIVIAN WEAVER

Rugby is one of the most physically demanding sports in the world. According to Leah Creswell of the Sacramento Women's Rugby Club and participant in the first Gay Olympics, this is because rugby is a game of endurance rather than of brawn.

Looking forward to the Gay Olympics with excitement, Leah is one of two women from Sacramento who have been specially chosen to compete on teams at Kezar Stadium for the historical and herstorical first gay Olympiad being held from August 28 to September 5.

First exposed to rugby in her freshman year of college in Colorado, Leah confides that she knew nothing of the rules of the game, but that she was eager to try what she terms "the most foreign sport I knew." Since Leah participated in many sports, she was a natural for a game that looks like a cross between football and soccer.

Rugby began in England as a boys' boarding school alternative to ice skating in the early 1800's. It spread through international competition to such diverse places as Japan, South Africa, Fiji, and Romania.

Rugby owes at least part of its tough reputation to the fact that its players wear no protective padding or headgear. Rugby players simply wear cleats, shorts, jersey, and knee socks.

Unlike football players, the "ruggers" stay on the field for 40-minute halves and the action never stops. Much of this action is unique to rugby, such as passing backward instead of forward and almost continuous running for the "backs," the position Leah plays. In Leah's opinion, men's rugby has a much more sinister reputation because "a lot of dropout football players" are competing for the limelight.

Leah has just completed her eighth season of rugby competition, and admits that in the past few years she has learned valuable lessons from rugby about sportswomanship, quelling the morning-after aches and pains, and having fun even if you lose. The last is a quality she says is missing from the other sports she plays.

The team on which Leah plays, affectionately called the "River City Ruggers," looks for competition during the regular season to the other five Northern California teams and various others making up the Western Coast Division.

The Ruggers have car washes to make money to support their club and to provide keggers and food for the visiting teams after every game. Leah says that the after-game parties help keep the game friendly.

Leah belies the image of a person who plays the rough sport of rugby. She is a lithe five feet, eight inches tall and says the position she plays requires more speed than muscle. Being fleet of foot is what she credits with keeping her almost injury-free. Leah confides that she sustains more injuries from playing fast-pitch softball than she does from playing rugby.

Although Leah is about to graduate from Sacramento State University with a degree in Elementary Education, when asked if she would consider playing on a professional women's rugby team, if one existed, sportswoman to the end, she enthusiastically replied, "You bet!"★

ITEMS

Welcome To Lavender Heights

By RICK VAN DYKE

Business is burgeoning in Lavender Heights, it seems. Let's welcome **Dr. Lee Wreyford,** whose dental offices are in the Midtown Building at 21st and O Streets; **Manz,** a used-clothing store for men in the same building as Cheap Thrills between Capitol and L at 1219 21st Street; and **Silo Natural Foods** store at 2411 J Street.

The suspense classic **"Wait Until Dark"** opens at the Chatauqua Playhouse, 25th and R Streets, on Friday, August 27. It will play Fridays and Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. through October 2. **Bill Wahl** directs a cast that includes **Roelle Mitchell, Rodger Hoopman, Curtis Stephyns, Colin Walker, Dennis Curry,** and **Heidi Holmes.** General admission is $5. Students with ID and seniors get in for $4. Call the theater for reservations at 451-9604.

Congratulations to **River City Metropolitan Community Church,** celebrating its 11th anniversary on Labor Day weekend. According to **Gary Johnson,** the church's student group Chi Rho will sponsor an all-day picnic on Saturday, September 4, in the Alumni Grove on the Sac State campus. And at Sunday's 11 a.m. service in the church at 34th and Broadway, the **Rev. Freda Smith** will preach her famous "Purple Grass" sermon. Even if you're not a church member, that sermon is a must to hear.

Gay Vote '82 meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Incredible Edible to work on plans and strategies for registering lesbian and gay voters for the November election. Everyone's help and cooperation is needed, so get yourself over to a meeting or at least phone to see what you can do. The number to call is 457-7489.

A panel discussion of the poltical issues facing gay and lesbian people in this fall's elections will be the program for the September meeting of **Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays,** Tuesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. The group especially welcomes parents of lesbian and gay children and meets at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Avenue, on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Riverbend Country Club in Broderick will be the site of the **Leather and Rhinestone Ball** on Saturday, September 11, at 8 p.m. Presented by the King Father IX of All California, **Ken Peacock,** the ball will feature live music and entertainment, plus prizes for the couple, male, female, and drag whose costumes best carry out the evening's theme. Tickets are priced at $7 in advance and $9 at the door. For reservations and information, call 927-9540.

An intermediate-level non-credit class in **American Sign Language** will be offered Monday evenings beginning September 13. The instructor is a certified member of R.I.D. and a credentialed college instructor, who signed the 1982 Sacramento Lesbian/Gay Freedom Rally. The class is scheduled for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Department of Rehabilitation office, 19th and W Streets. The fee is $35. For more information, call **Nancy** at 442-3751.

Bay Area singer/songwriter **Gayle Marie** will be performing at The Palms Public Playhouse in Davis on Thursday, September 16, at 8:30 p.m. **Jan Martinelli** will accompany her on bass.

You can help **Lt. Robbie Waters** get elected Sheriff of Sacramento County by dropping in at your favorite bar on Saturday, September 18. The Waters for Sheriff committee in the gay community has arranged with all bars catering to the gay community to collect a dollar per customer for the Waters campaign on that day. The fund drive will be repeated on Saturday, October 16. The run-off election between Waters and the incumbent Duane Lowe is one of the most important local contests.

Saturday, September 18 has been declared International Take Back The Night. Sacramento's third **Take Back The Night** march and rally will take place on Friday, September 17. It will culminate a **Violence Against Women Awareness Week** planned by the local Take Back The Night Coalition. Other events during the week will include a women's self-defense workshop, and symposia on domestic violence, rape and incest, pornography, and sterilization abuse. For more information, call **Debbie Wender** or **Shaila Rao** at 447-3223.

The Fifth California Men's Gathering will be held in the Santa Cruz mountains on the Columbus Day weekend, October 8-11. The gathering will afford an opportunity for several hundred men to explore and define new images of being male in contemporary society, through workshops, discussions, cultural and social events, and free time. For more information, call the **Sacramento Men's Collective** at 985-6996.

Mark your calendars now for two exciting conferences celebrating positive images of gay men and lesbians, October 16 and 23 at Sierra II. Psychiatrist **Ed Hall** will moderate the **Gay Men's Conference,** which will cover medical issues, gay fathers, single gay men, and gay couples. It will end with a film and a question-answer period. Social worker **Mary Lou Hyde** will moderate the **Lesbian Forum,** which will deal with lesbian couples, third world women, children of gays, and lesbian mothers. The forum will end with a question and answer session. Registration is $15 and proceeds benefit the Sacramento Women's Center. Registration sites are Lioness Books and the Mercantile Saloon, or by mail to the Women's Center, 2100 Capitol Avenue #2, Sacramento 95816.

If you need a place to stay in San Francisco, but don't like hotels, motels, or the other usual alternatives, consider the services of **Bed-By-The-Bay.** They are a bed-and-breakfast agency that places lesbian and gay visitors in private gay homes, at rates starting at $19 a day. For information, write P.O. Box 902, Sausalito, CA 94966, or call (415) 383-7430. Tell them you read it in The STAR.

The latest addition to The STAR's list of distribution points is the **Showcase Cinema** at 412 L Street. Be sure to pick up a copy when you're there to see a favorite old movie or a new foreign film.

River City Jitney Cab Company now has direct-to-dispatcher telephone service at the **Mercantile Saloon,** the **Wreck Room,** and the **Club 21.** If you've over-indulged, play it safe and don't drive.★

Gay And Lesbian Lawyers Will Meet

Sacramento's organization for lesbian and gay attorneys, still lacking a name, will meet at noon on Thursday, September 2, for a brown bag lunch at 1725 Capitol Avenue.

At this meeting, the group will discuss goals and possible names, and nominate two chairpersons, one male and one female. It will also nominate a secretary-treasurer.

The group is open to lesbian and gay attorneys, whether in or out of the closet. For more information, call Dorothy Thomson at 442-4642.★

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Community Center Board Elects New Treasurer And Assistant Secretary

Jim Graham was removed as treasurer of Our Community United at a special meeting of the OCU board of directors on August 9. Director Tom Walters was elected interim treasurer until "further elections."

Board members present at the meeting were Bernie Ferris, Kathy Gage, Phil Hoskins, and Tom Walters. Jim Graham, who remains a director of OCU, was absent.

At the same meeting, Larry Macy was elected assistant secretary and named acting secretary of the community center organization. According to OCU President Phil Hoskins, Secretary Richard LaVoie has not officially resigned, but has taken a leave of absence from the post.

In line with these actions, taken to move toward regularizing the administrative structure of the organization, board members re-emphasized the need for volunteers from the community to run for election as directors.

The board currently has five members and four vacant positions. According to the bylaws, directors must be elected in pairs to maintain an uneven number of votes on the board.

Women and men who are interested in serving as directors of Our Community United should send a letter expressing their interest and summarizing their qualifications to P.O. Box 161784, Sacramento 95816.

In other business, the board unanimously voted to encourage members of the gay and lesbian community to register voters and to participate in the November elections.

The board also announced that Leadership Conference III will be held on September 20 at the County Administrative Center, 8th and H Streets.★

Britt Advises Local Leftists

"Just passing gay rights ordinances is not going to do anything." That's what San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt told the more than 45 people who attended a fundraiser for La Semilla Cultural Center on August 13.

In his talk at La Semilla on "Coalition Building on the Left," Britt called for gays and lesbians to fight for political power to cause the system to respond to their needs.

"If gays have power, we don't need gay rights laws. If gays don't have power, then gay rights laws are not going to do any good," he said.

Saying that the world has changed more in the last 20 years than in the previous 200 years, Britt said that the most important fact in 1982 was change. The second most important fact, he said, was that the political system was not responding to change, causing alienation.

The San Francisco supervisor advised the gays and lesbians in the audience how to deal with oppression and turn the tables on the oppressors.

"As long as we accept the rules (by acting straight), they know how to deal with that. If we do what is right for us, we put them on the defensive," he said.

Britt succeeded Harvey Milk on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors after Milk was assassinated by former supervisor Dan White.★

Jesse's Luau

The Parking Lot was the scene of a luau on August 14 to celebrate Jesse's (holding microphone) birthday. The evening featured a buffet dinner and a show.

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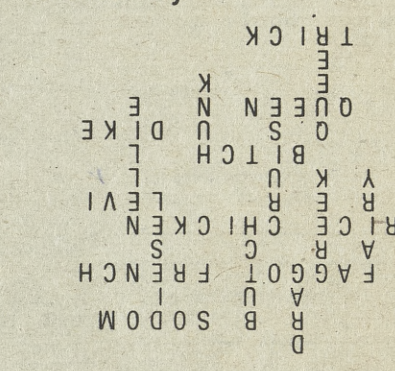

Great Moments In Dyke Couture—'Dykes On Parade' Again A Marvelous Trip

Reviewed by VIVIAN WEAVER

A revue of the past, the present, and the possible future of dyke fashion was presented by Le Theatre Lesbien at the Sierra II Center for the Performing Arts on August 20 and 21 with outstanding success.

"Dykes on Parade" was a marvelous trip through a culture of flamboyance and statement narrated humorously by producer/director Cherie Gordon, and highlighted by glimpses of such diverse personages as Sappho, Ma Rainey, and Rosie the Riveter.

The presentation was situation comedy in the guise of a fashion show. It was punctuated with period music, quirky jazz, and engaging songs written by Jenny Pausaker, Madame Szwambi, Matrisha Oneperson, and Cherie Gordon. The narrator presented the ladies, gave a brief herstory of each, and described the costumes that went along with the famous face or type of lifestyle.

Among the great moments in dyke couture were the fashions for the dowdy worn by Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas and the slimming effects achieved by the anorexic Renee Vivien's black kimono. The characters' lines met with frequent applause as the audience identified with their strength of purpose or affirmed the various lifestyles of their "sheroes."

Striking the most responsive chords of the evening were the 50's Bar Dyke, the 60's Gym Teacher (accompanied by Meg Christian's "Ode to a Gym Teacher"), and the Punk Dyke, all zippers, safety pins, and stiletto heels to make her fashion point perfectly clear.

"Dykes on Parade" was created in 1976 by Cherie Gordon, Matrisha Oneperson, and Madame Szwambi. It has been touring California since its revival here in May. Its success on tour induced the troupers to bring it back to Sacramento for two more performances to full houses.

With such excellent and exuberant endeavors behind Le Theatre Lesbien, their growing audience eagerly awaits future innovative and entertaining productions.★

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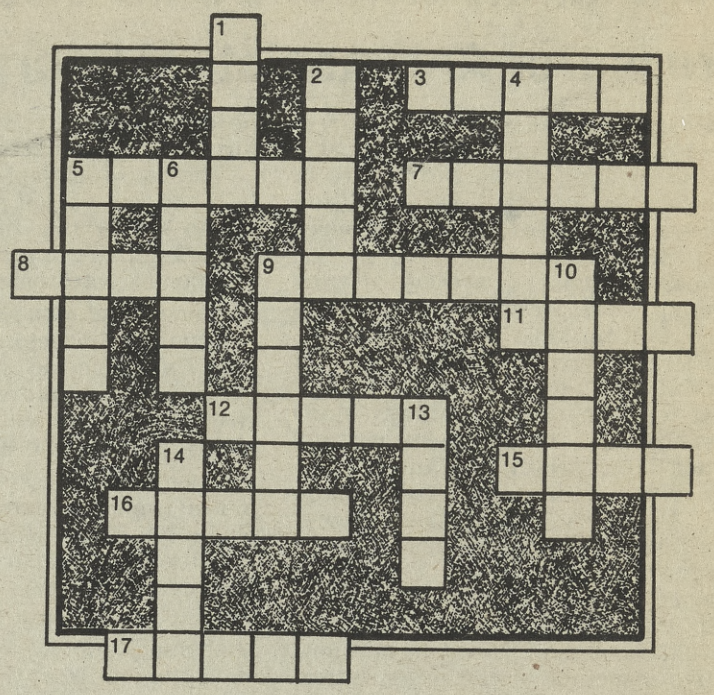

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- ★ Gay Vote '82 meeting. Incredible Edible. 7 p.m. Call 457-7489 for information.
- ★ Sacramento Men's Collective open rap. La Semilla. 7:30 p.m. Call 985-9669 for information.
- ★ Man Two Man social. 7:30 p.m. 391-9755.

Friday, August 27

- ★ Sabia sings and plays feminist music from Latin America. La Semilla, 9 p.m. $4 general, $3 members.
- ★ Lesbian Rap. Sponsored by the Womyn's Church. 3700 Y St. 8 p.m. Call 736-0113 or 453-0791.

Saturday, August 28

- ★ GNIE Bingo Show. Riverbend Country Club, Broderick. $5. Part of proceeds to Our Community United. 7:30 p.m.
- ★ Opening Ceremonies, Gay Olympic Games. Kezar Stadium, San Francisco. Tickets $15, or $25 for opening and closing ceremonies. Write P.O. Box 14874, SF 94114, or call (415) 861-8282.

Sunday, August 29

- ★ Lesbian Mothers and Friends. Picnic. Call Rhonda, 456-3245.
- ★ Wimmin's Celebration. Non-sectarian, non-patriarchal, non-sexist spiritual worship. Women only. Potluck afterwards. 6 p.m. Jean, 736-0113, for information.

Tuesday, August 31

- ★ GNIE. Incredible Edible. 7:30 p.m.
- ★ Lesbian Mothers and Friends. Rap group. 4811 Weedman Way, Carmichael. Call 961-6704.

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- ★ Deadline for The STAR.
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Thursday, September 2

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- ★ River City Metropolitan Community Church 11th anniversary picnic. Barbeque, games, singing. Alumni Grove, Cal State U. Sacramento. All day. 454-4762 for more information.
- ★ Our River City Family Voter Registration. 457-7489 for information.

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